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VOLUME 2, CH.8

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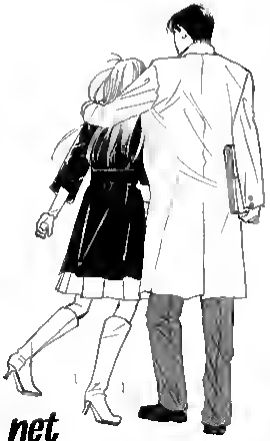

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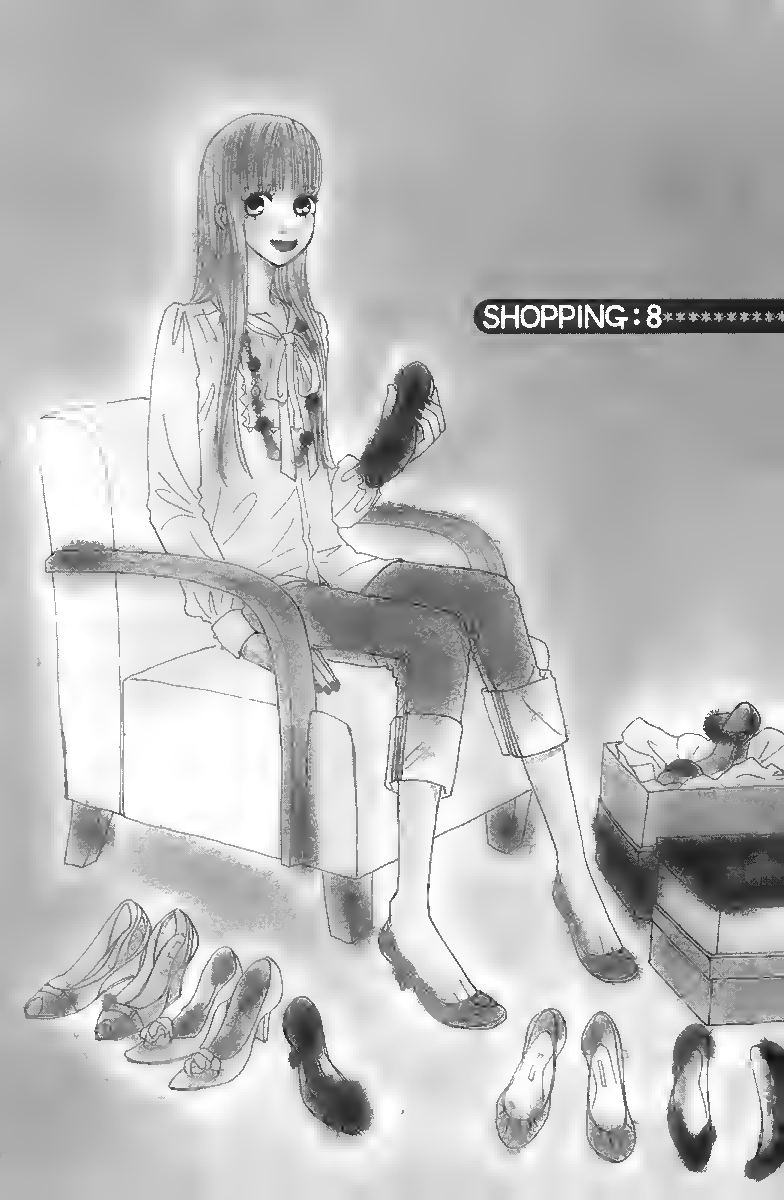
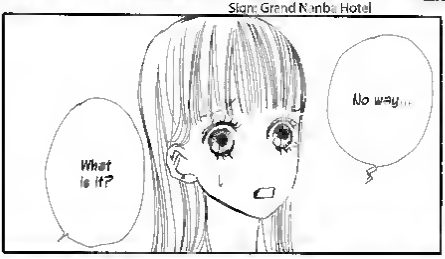

SHOPPING : 8

I knew it just by touching his jacket.
Okuzono-san's body was burning up.

Sign: Grand Namba Hotel



I'm sorry It looks like there's a mistake, and we only reserved one room
Only one room?
I- I can go to another hotel Okuzono-san, you stay here

But the internet confirmation said two rooms
Can we get another single room?
I apologize, but we are completely booked tonight

You shouldn't be staggering around a strange city at one in the morning
STAGGER
No way, I can stay at another place
Okuzono-san, absolutely not! You're weaving all over the place
GRAB
THEN WE'LL STAY IN THE SAME ROOM!
Arisu-gawa
I can't leave you when you're this drunk

Besides, I've already slept over at your house twice.
As of right now, there's only one room available so I don't think it'll be a p-p-problem.
Ugh
OKUZONO-SAN?! See, you stood up too fast!
Are you feeling sick?
Can you walk?!
But that's still...

Please lie down on the bed
click
PUSH
I'll get you some water, so stay put.

Can you drink it?
This is embarrassing.
Sorry to be such a mess...
Should've known better... I should know my own limits...
But you have to drink when entertaining a client...

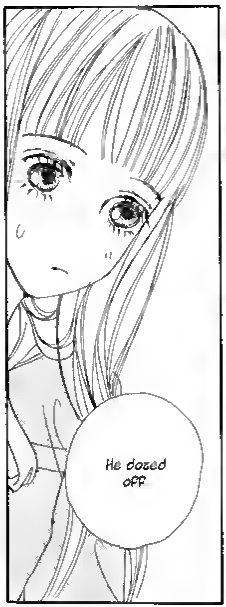
That's right. This isn't like Iceman Okuzono.
Why did you down those beers even though you couldn't handle it?
Is that why you did it?
Plus it seemed like he was interested in you.
Huh?
He was trying to get you to drink
He was like a lion.
That president is the type to gossip about it if he dislikes you.

You can't be careless with a man of that age. I'd be worried if it was just you and Shibuya-san, too
It's not that I'm trying to whitewash it, but a lot of people mix their work and private life
Anyways, the President is interested in you... which makes him easy to motivate
I'm not interested in using you as a sacrifice...
If that happened, then all our hard work would be for nothing
Then... was he trying to protect me?

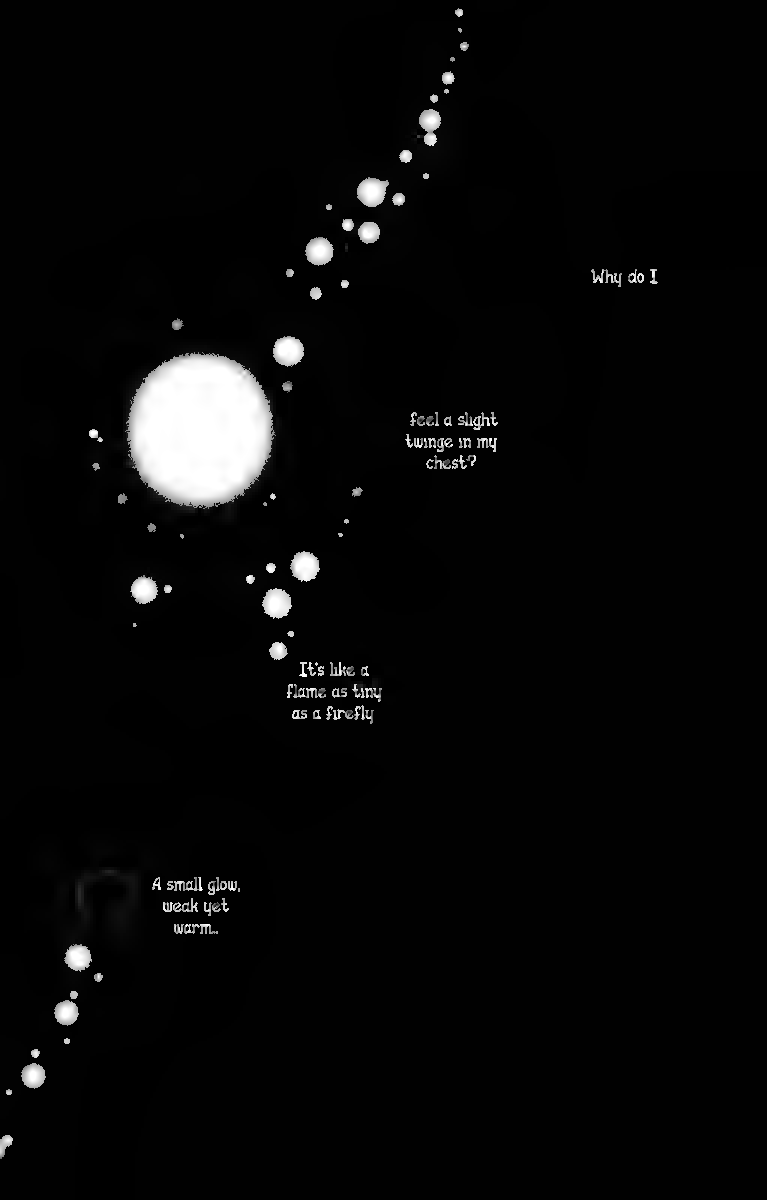
Gross...
What the hell am I saying...
Uh, anyways
You did fine
Ha ha
Aren't I, though?
O-Okusono-san, I thought you were a cold person

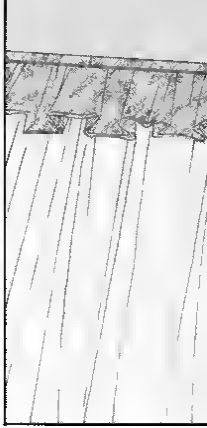
It's gotten long
Your hair...
Eh
Yeah. Lately, they're not cutting it short
The hair salon?
Okuzono-san, you go to a hair salon?
Not a barber?
Zzz

The first time was when he let me stay in his living room.



So then
Zzzz
over here~
The second time was when I was explaining the chocolate diorama late at night.
(Okuzono-san was half-asleep)
The third time was
when I could see his sleeping face.


Why do I
feel a slight twinge in my chest?
It's like a flame as tiny as a firefly
A small glow, weak yet warm...



Arisugawa?
zz
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What
are you dreaming of?

JAL Flight 151X
Tokyo-bound
3:35 departure
All passengers, please assemble at the boarding gate.
ARISU-GAWA!
I'M BUYING SOUVENIRS!
JUST A MINUTE!
Arisugawa?
Arisu-gawa, where did you go?

clack
clack
Run! We have to hurry!
Please wait-
It's heavy!
clack
Passengers Okuzono Shinji and Arisugawa Fuu please come to the departure gate
Ah They're calling for us again
HURRY UP!
Okay!
Whoosh

For my next business trip.

my goal will be to bring a bag big enough to pack presents.

This is what I thought during the flight home

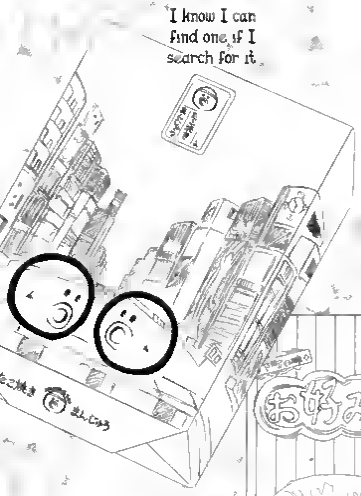
It won't be something borrowed from someone else.

It'd be my ideal bag

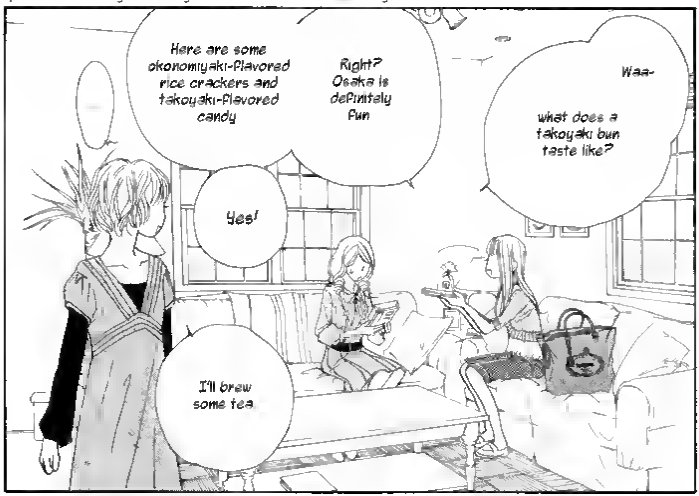
exactly how I want it so I'll have it for a long time

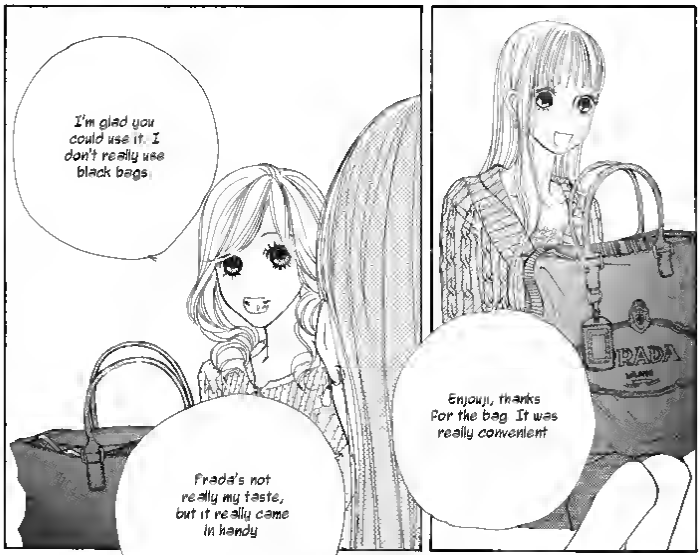
My perfect partner

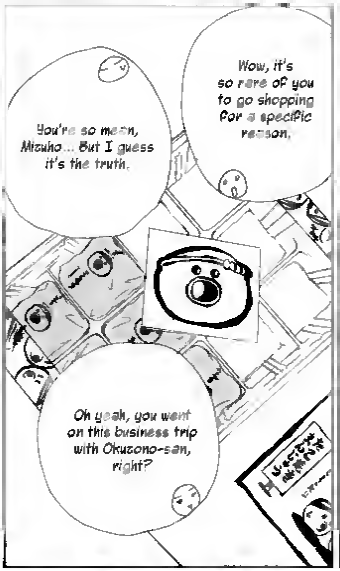
I know I can find one if I search for it.



*T/N- Takoyaki are small dumplings filled with diced octopus. Okonomiyaki is a savory pancake containing various ingredients like meat, onions, cabbage and even noodles.


Here are some okonomiyaki-flavored rice crackers and takoyaki-flavored candy.
Right? Osaka is definitely fun.
Waa- what does a takoyaki bun taste like?
Yes!
I'll brew some tea.

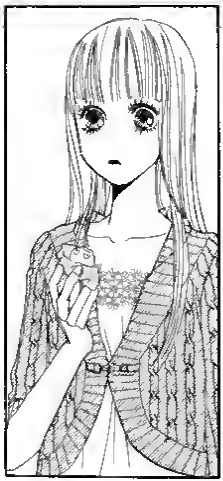

I'm glad you could use it. I don't really use black bags.
Enjoy!, thanks for the bag. It was really convenient.
Prada's not really my taste, but it really came in handy.
PRADA

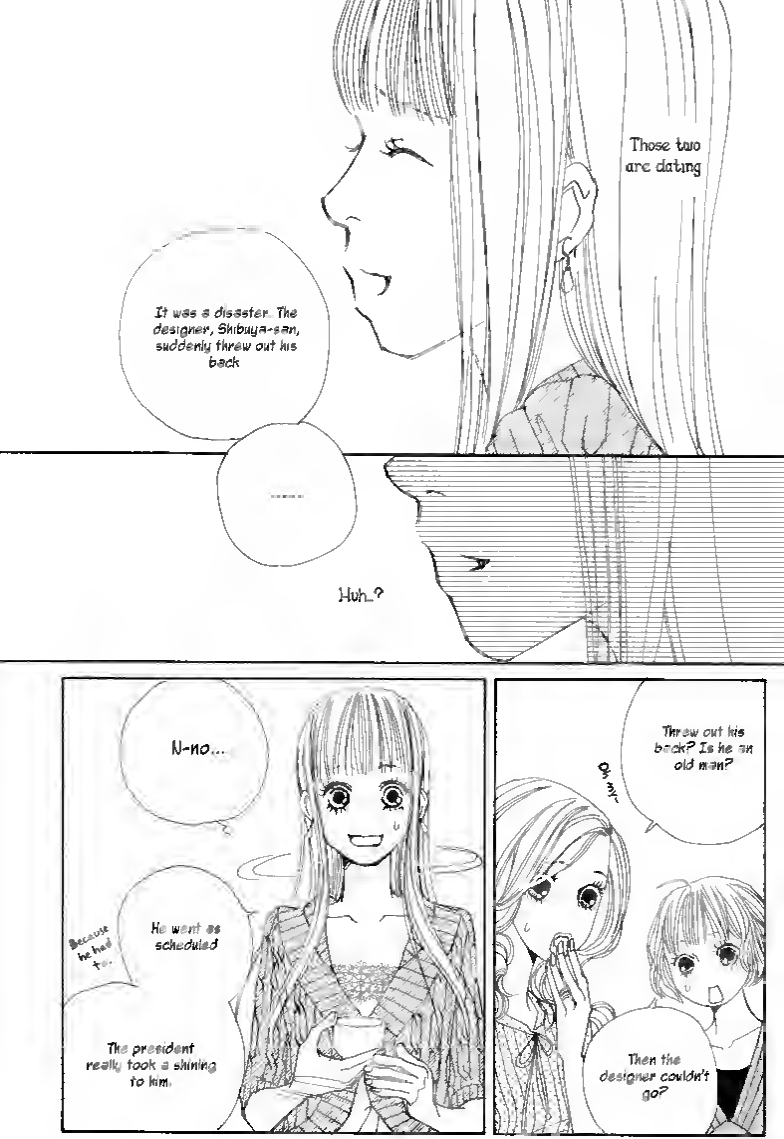

Wow, it's so rare of you to go shopping for a specific reason.
You're so mean, Mizuho... But I guess it's the truth.
Oh yeah, you went on this business trip with Okuzono-san, right?

If you don't mind such a cheap bag, you can borrow it again since I don't use it

Thank you, Enjoy!!
Hmm, the word cheap does sound appealing.
Next time, I'll be sure to bring my own bag.

Yeah, he sent me an email
Ah... you heard from Okuzono-san?
It was with Fuu and another designer. The three of you were going
Yeah, about that actually...
That's right. I should tell her about it.




Those two are dating
It was a disaster. The designer, Shibuya-san, suddenly threw out his back
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Huh_?
N-no...
He went as scheduled
Because he had to.
The president really took a shining to him.
Throw out his back? Is he an old man?
Oh, sir...
Then the designer couldn't go?

Why did I lie?
This is yummy!
The fact that Okuzono-san and I went on the business trip together
ended up sharing the same room
and that Okuzono-san is weak to alcohol
It'll all eventually come out, but
I didn't want to tell Enjoji about anything that happened.

Inside my very core.

swaying back and forth, that small twinge

had a warmth that slowly expanded within me.